(c) Most of the tannery units in these States are small scale industrial units located in clusters. The Central Government has initiated a scheme for providing technological and financial assistance to tanneries in the small scale sector for setting up of Combined Effluent Treatment Plants.

Policy Paper on Pollution Control

62. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1704 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a policy paper on pollution control in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when the same would be brought out and implemented throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the draft policy statement are integration of environmental and economic aspects in development planning; stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement; promotion of technological inputs for reducing industrial pollutants and reliance upon public cooperation in securing a clean environment.

(c) The policy statement is proposed to be released in 1990.

Bad conditions in Delhi Zoo

63. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 27th May, 1990 under the caption "Delhi Zoo in bad shape";

(b) if so, whether the animals in the Delhi Zoo are not treated with proper care;

(c) whether most of the animals live in dirty water with bad smell; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government takes every care to ensure that the animals in National Zoological Park, New Delhi, are kept in hygienic and congenial living conditions. Uptil last year, unfiltered water from Yamuna was being supplied in the moats of the enclosures for different animals in the Zoo but from January, 1990, filtered water is being supplied in the moats. Action is also in hand to construct the Ground Water Storage Tank and lay out additional water lines at an estimated cost of Rs. 22 lakhs to augment the supply of filtered water to the zoo.

Amendments to Environment related Acts

64. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to flaws in the existing anti-pollution laws, it has become difficult for Government to implement them;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to strengthen the anti-pollution laws in order to make them more effective and make amendments in the Environment Protection Act, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act, the Indian Forests Act and the Wild Life Protection Act;